

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A shipping platform comprising:  
a platform; and  
adjustable length pillars provided either side and at both ends of the platform, the adjustable length pillars each having an upper cross-member interconnecting the upper ends thereof.
2. A shipping platform as set forth in claim 1, wherein the platform is provided with underside cross-members which are rigidly connected with the platform and which extend parallel with the upper cross-members.
3. A shipping platform as set forth in claim 2, wherein the upper and lower cross-members are provided with openings by which the upper and lower cross-members are engageable with connection rails used to interconnect containers.
4. A shipping platform as set forth in claim 3, wherein the connection rails engage the containers in a side-by-side configuration.
5. A shipping platform as set forth in claim 3, wherein the upper and lower cross-member is provided with apertures which are so sized and located as allow releasable interconnection with the connection rails they are engageable with.
6. A shipping platform as set forth in claim 1, wherein the platform is flat and adapted to have vehicles and other oversized cargo including boats, buses etc., secured thereon.
7. A shipping platform as set forth in claim 1, wherein the adjustable length pillars each comprise a base member rigidly connected with the platform and a telescopic member which is slidably disposed with the base member.

8. A shipping platform as set forth in claim 7, wherein the upper cross-members interconnect upper ends of a pair of telescopic members.

9. A shipping platform as set forth in claim 7, wherein the adjustable length pillars each further comprise a locking device which selectively locks the telescopic member in one of a plurality of positions relative to the base member.

10. A shipping platform as set forth in claim 9, wherein each locking device comprises a locking pin which is disposed through apertures which are formed in the telescopic member and the base member of the adjustable length pillars.

11. A shipping platform as set forth in claim 1, further comprising a connection device which is provided on the platform and adapted to facilitate connection of cargo thereto.

12. A shipping platform as set forth in claim 11, wherein the connection device is movable and selectively positionable on the platform.

13. A shipping platform arrangement comprising:  
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a platform; and  
adjustable length pillars provided either side and at both ends of the platform, the adjustable length pillars each having an upper cross-member interconnecting the upper ends thereof; and  
first connection rails which are disposed over and connectable to the upper cross-members, the first connection rails being connectable to at least one container which is disposed adjacent the shipping platform.

14. A shipping platform arrangement wherein the platform further comprises lower cross-members fixed to a lower side thereof, the lower cross-members

being parallel to the upper cross-members, and wherein the shipping platform further comprises:

first connection devices which interconnect the first connection rails to the upper cross-members and to an upper side of the at least one adjacent container.

15. A shipping platform arrangement as set forth in claim 14, further comprising second connection rails which are disposed under the lower cross-members and interconnected thereto by second connection devices which connect the second connection rails to lower sides of the at least one adjacent container.

16. A shipping platform arrangement as set forth in claim 15, wherein the first and second connection devices comprise twist locks.